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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware, Sir, that in the case of institutions aided by the Government, there is no question of panel, and all headmasters, when they bear the name are eligible for Headmaster's scales of pay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I would like to have notice, Sir.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, whether it is a fact that the Headmasters in incomplete high schools who have not been included in the panel are Headmasters for all purposes except for drawing the Headmaster's scale of pay?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, Government prefer appointments made out of the panel, and for those Headmasters who are selected from out of the panel, there is a prescribed scale of pay. If the Headmasters are not selected from the panel, that scale does not apply.

Improvement of communication

* 30 *Q.*—SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special grant as recommended by the Finance Commission for the improvement of communication in the State has been allotted by the Central Government; and

(*b*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) No, Sir.

(*b*) The Commission has recommended special purpose grants taking into account the relative needs of the different States and the resources available to them. The Commission has not recommended any such grant for Madras State.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : May I know, Sir, whether the Government are aware that one of the recommendations of the Finance Commission which was accepted by the Central Government was that a grant of Rs. 9 corres only should be paid to certain States but Madras has been excluded from that? May I know the reason why the Madras State has been excluded?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : That is the answer that I gave. Madras has been excluded along with certain other States, because comparatively the States that are mentioned the nine States are backward in the matter of communications.

SRI T. P. SRINIVASAVARADAN : Sir, have this Government made any representations that this State should not be excluded but that it should be included along with the other nine States which get a grant? We are in the same state as the nine other States are.

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the difficulty is that Madras State cannot plead that it is as backward as certain other States are.